WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the month of September, 1947.

Issued by the Acting Government Statistician (Mr.R.J.Little), Perth. 31/10/47.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The following populations are now recorded as a preliminary result of the Census taken on the 30th June, 1947:

State Total: 502,731 - Comprising 258,303 males & 244,428 females.

(Increase since 1933 Census - 63,879).

Metropolitan Area: 272,586 - Comprising 131,717 males & 140,869 females.

(Increase since 1933 Census - 65,146).

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	AUGU	JST		ths ended JGUST
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages No. *Rate per 1000 of population	298	352 8•38	3,496	3,357
Births No. *Rate per 1000 of	1,058	1,043	8,857	7,116
population	24.73	24.82	26.55	21.66
Deaths No. *Rate per 1000 of	432	478	3,072	3,172
population	10.10	11.38	9.21	9.66
Infant Mortality No. " Rate per 1000	32	38	270	237
Live Births	30.25	36.43	30.48	33.31
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis Cancer Influenza Diptheria Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. Arteriosclerosis Diseases of the Heart Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia Diarrhoea and Enteritis Nephritis Diseases of Early Infancy Senility Accidents All Other Causes	11 47 2 49 13 136 27 4 17 17 11 19 79	16 49 3 1 30 23 141 43 - 15 20 19 21 97	96 367 7 7 278 110 855 174 19 112 134 81 190 642	124 367 10 9 26.2 — 266 107 873 210 23 112 122 85 207 661
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^{*} Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September totalled 505,194 acres, an increase of 292,783 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 7,262,806 acres, an increase of 5,890,803 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE & EXPENDITURE.

	Month of Sep	tember	3 Mths ended September		
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Revenue per Head of Pop- ulation Expenditure Expenditure per Head of	£ 1,325,607 2.12.7 1,333,517	£ 1,184,902 2.7.10 1,165,274	£ 3,771,266 7.9.9 4,123,667	£ 3,353,637 6.15.7 3,572,743	
Expenditure per Head of Fopulation	2.12.11	2.7.1	8.3.9		

SAVINGS BANK

Deposits on the 30th September amounted to £36,737,607 or £72.16.1d per head of population, as against £38,035,610 or £76.15.8 per head as at the 30th September last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 24th September 1947, amounted to £4,071,985 compared with £3,704,316 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	SEPTE	MBER	3 MIHS ENDE	3 MIHS ENDED SEFTEMBER			
	1947	1946	1947	1946			
Transfers (No. & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & &	1,601 834,410 951 927,030 812	1,648 793,117 892 632,131 763	4,958 2,523,369 3,004 3,000,148 2,641	5,166 2,622,050 2,894 2,340,010 2,650			

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of	Taxable	Goods	Sales of	
Receipt of Returns	Sales in Respect of which Tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)	Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
1946 - September October November December	£ 1,066,352 1,335,348 1,226,307 922,086	£ 1,298,683 1,012,132 1,002,723 690,278	£ 2,006,343 2,018,926 1,727,609 1,550,072	£ 163,108 200,216 186,457 131,072
January February March April May June July August September	1,236,382 981,890 1,025,999 1,032,193 1,133,005 999,553 986,992 1,181,616 1,381,485	1,272,141 1,571,910 1,034,280 904,783 1,172,830 1,235,966 890,625 934,743 1,062,710	1,893,777 2,100,827 1,706,073 2,181,750 2,513,691 3,085,537 2,815,570 2,284,635 3,286,715	171,721 130,422 148,225 131,075 119,906 134,149 125,720 155,234 163,596

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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

31 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £954,500 and 15 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 21 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £213,500 and 9 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	3 Months ended SEPTEMBER							
	1947			1946				
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Sequestration Orders	2	£ 1,663	£ 361	. 7	£ 7,084	£ 2,412		
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	1,804	1,142	2	4,107	4,387		
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(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows;

	AUG	UST	2 Months	ended AUGUST
Y	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings (£	372,500	350,100	761,200	683,200
Working Expenses (£	409,405	361,111	838,454	734,037
Train Miles Run	613,125	600,774	1,246,291	1,174,620
Passenger Journeys	1,139,945	1,234,904	2,190,331	2,398,875
Tonnage Carried - Paying Goods Livestock Departmental (Free Freight)	205,590 12,318 50,872	194,927 12,796 52,313	447,379 26,168 106,523	400,621 25,227 104,972
Total:	268,780	260,036	580,074	530,820
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Total:	40,984,696	37,117,651	88,060,783	76,282,343

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. (1) NEW VERICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles)

	M	METROPOLITAN AREA			ENTIRE STATE			
Period	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Bu so s	Motor Cycles	Cars (inc- luding Hire Cars)	Vans.	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1946 1947 January February March April May June July August September	111 95 84 63 83 83 142 115	No • 328 27 38 54 34 42 26 73 58 43	No. 11 2 1 3 1 3	No. 422 52 65 67 34 36 32 41 41 47	No. 637 149 137 129 95 126 163 256 195 (a)	No. 718 79 108 156 112 127 89 194 167 (a)	No. 16 2 1 3 2 5 8 (a)	No. 513 66 85 80 48 60 45 77 69 (a)

- (a) Not yet available.
- (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.) (Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles)

Date	/			DLITAN AREA ENTIRE STATE				
(as at end of Month)	Cars (inc- luding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (inc- luding Hire cars)	Vans,	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June December 1947 -	19,214	7,989 8,878	204 243	4,295 4,709	31,316 31,777	28,147 30,096	309 319	6,794 7,324
January February March April May June July August	19,774 20,142 20,298 20,281 20,425 20,522 20,210 20,471	8,883 9,151 9,297 9,295 9,419 9,467 9,251 9,420	250 251 252 253 255 255 255 244	4,806 4,983 5,111 5,169 5,243 5,290 4,599 4,791	30,777 31,972 32,315 32,327 32,642 32,793 31,460 32,498	27,920 29,836 30,471 30,718 31,227 31,382 28,627 30,881	304 309 318 325 331 331 350 349	7,332 7,660 7,866 8,009 8,135 8,196 6,641 7,159

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). Wagons, Vans, etc. Cars 1947 - August, Buses Motor Cycles 100

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TRADE.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) lugust, 1947 and 1946 and 2 months ending August, 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian currency.

		IMPORTS				ling Ships	XPORTS Stores	eritteragin – storrestorrestorrestorrestorrestorrestorrestorrestorres
	AUG	UST	2 Months ended AUGUST		AUG	- the same and the	2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(S1000)	(C1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
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BUILDING ACTIVITY. (Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities).

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

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Period	1	es and ther gs (a)	Fa	ctories		Other	Tot	al
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		£,000		£,000		£,000		€,000
June Qr., 1946 Sept.Qr., 1946 Dec. Qr., 1946 Mch. Qr., 1947 Jne. Qr., 1947	295 364 451 412 483	271 337 445 423 515	15 14 16 7 8	41 20 16 8 5	35 44 40 50 32	40 59 72 131 35	345 422 507 469 523	352 416 533 562 555

(a) Excluding Owner-Built Dwellings.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Excluding Owner-Built Homes).

		Numbe	r Completed		
Period	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.	Wood or Mainly Wood	Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement	Other	Total
June Qr. Sept Qr.	124 144	37 64	68 94	66 62	295 364
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BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,730,566 lbs. were produced during August, 1947 and 3,175,459 lbs. for the two months ended August, 1947, as against 1,472,965 lbs. and 2,624,084 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
and the distribution of th	1947	1946	1947	1946
Quantity Fine oz .	54,678	55,123	527,710	445,659
Value (Australian Currency) £	588,472	593,263	5,679,481	4,766,410

Sabtambar Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the cight months ended nearly, 1947 amounted to £520,236. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £342,801. £424,255.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	SEPTE	BER	3 Mths ended SEPTEMBER		
	1947	1946	1947	1946	
Food and Groceries - Metropolitan Area Kalgoorlie-Boulder Northam Bunbury Geraldton Collie	1,117 1,246 1,142 1,124 1,150 1,141	1,053 1,184 1,067 1,051 1,076 1,068	1,120 1,249 1,143 1,126 1,151 1,142	1,057 1,190 1,072 1,055 1,082 1,070	

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
1946 -			and an agency and a second growth and an agency and a second a second and a second and a second and a second and a second
July	94,478	34,429	128,907
August	96,322	34,421	130,743
September	97,594	34,455	132,049
October	98,688	34,660	133,348
November	99,166	34,700	133,866
December 1947 -	100,130	34,939	135,069
January	100,807	34,392	135,199
February	101,861	34,815	136,676
Ma rch	102,999	35,339	138,338
pril	102,697	35,266	137,963
fay	103,356	35,479	138,835
June	103,935	35,542	139,477
July	104,271	35,640	139,911

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	(Bas		TORIES /29 (19,	799 Emplo 10		R (Base		1941	ISHMEN (9,578 1000)	Emp-
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January February March April May June July August September October November December	128 130 132 134 131 135 136 136 137 138 136	137 138 139 139 140 139 140 140 140 141	142 144 144 144 145 146 145 143 141 141	145 148 151 153 154 154 (a)156 157 158 161 160	162 163 162 164 165 165 166	865 861 846 835 836 835 828 814 806 801 814 840	826 824 825 827 832 832 832 834 837 851	870 868 877 876 891 903 899 897 914 929 965	995 1016 1045 1051 1069 1096 1109 1114 1118 1133 1165	1,134 1,138 1,145 1,144 1,151 1,153 1,168 1,181

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.
(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	A	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of month.		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
1946 - July August September October November December	705 858 586 375 5,660 448	20 29 12 10 722 18	725 887 598 385 6,382 466	617 930 655 554 5,376 541	27 29 25 13 710 21	644 959 680 567 6,086 562	1,315 1,243 1,174 995 1,279 1,186	42 42 29 26 38 35	1,357 1,285 1,203 1,021 1,317 1,221	
January February March April May June July (a)	483 396 459 342 454 347 404	8 12 13 3 11 10 12	491 408 472 345 465 357 416	668 559 549 314 481 352 366	17 15 13 8 15 7	685 574 562 322 496 359 380	1,001 838 748 776 749 744 782	26 23 23 18 14 17 15	1,027 861 771 794 763 761 797	

(a) Subject to revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	SEP	3 Mths ended SEPTEMBER		
	19.17	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.I	H) 18,459	16,361	57,795	54,140
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H	H) 15,332	14,502	49,469	46,053

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
September, 1947 September, 1946	No. 6,546 5,070	No • 599 436	No. 137,244 88,071	No. 10,596 15,864
9 Months ended Sept.1947 9 Months ended Sept.1946	80,173 74,794	3,535 2,834	619,529 597,775	90,339

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